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FRIDAY, Jan. 12, 1906.

Representative McKnight, of Mason county, has introduced a bill creating Thirty-Second judicial district of the counties of Carter, Elliott, Lawrence and Morgan.

The newspapers are filling up with the predictions of the fortune-tellers for 1906. Are the newspapers just plain folks or are they publishing for plain folks?

Midshipman Stephen Decatur was acquitted of the charge of having at Annapolis, in face of strong testimony against him. The young man was fortunate in his selection of a great grandfather.

State pensions for Confederate soldiers are proposed in a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator O. P. Hogan, of Grant county. It is provided that each deserving Confederate Home and who has a wife, be given the per capita allowed by the State, which is \$175 a year.

There is much complaint from ship-owners about the railroad failing to furnish cars, and discrimination is hinted at. The coal shippers have had more or less such trouble from railroads whose officials are interested in coal elsewhere. An appeal to the Kentucky Railroad Commission will probably be made.

Representative Bennett introduced a bill extending the provisions of the Pension act of 1890 to all members of the Kentucky militia and Kentucky provisional militia who served as much as three months in the Civil War and a bill providing that suit may be brought in Federal courts without being liable for cost by submitting a sworn statement of inability to pay such cost.

Although the law of both Government and State provides that the General Assembly shall ballot for election of a United States Senator on the second Tuesday after organization of the body, the Assembly with customary precaution, took a ballot at noon Tuesday. It resulted in the election of Judge Thomas H. Paynter, the Democratic nominee for the office.

The ballot was separate and distinct in each House and was strictly a party vote. Senator W. H. Cox, of Mason, receiving the Republican strength.

Several newspapers in Kentucky copied their columns during the senatorial race, with innuendoes and accusations regarding Governor Beckham, and some of them have not had the manliness to publish this report of the Post Master General.

Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., Dec. 30, 1905.—Hon. J. C. W. Beckham, Governor of Kentucky, Frankfort, Ky.—My Dear Sir: The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of yesterday relative to certain newspaper reports regarding investigation of the Department has been conducted at Frankfort, Ky., to ascertain the facts in a case of irregular handling of mail.

The report of the inspector detailed to make the investigation was received at my office to-day and according to the findings in that report the mistreatment of mail, regarding which complaint was made to the Department, has been due entirely to the carelessness of clerks in the Frankfort post-office. No evidence that the mail had been tampered with designedly in the Frankfort post-office or elsewhere was found. Very truly yours,  
GEO. B. CORTELYOU,  
Postmaster General.

The recent edit issued against the granting of passes by the various railroads might have been suggested by one or more of the following passages of scriptures:  
Thou shalt not pass.—Numbers xx. 18.  
Suffered not a man to pass.—Judges iii. 28.  
The wicked shall no more pass.—Nahum i. 13.  
Though they roar, yet can they not pass.—Jeremiah v. 22.  
He paid the fare and went.—Jonah i. 2.

WANTED.  
1000 bushels of good sound white corn at once.  
D. J. Burnett, Jr., and Co.,  
Store opposite Passenger depot.

### My Hair is Extra Long

Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only hair-food you can buy. For 60 years it has been doing just what we claim it will do. It will not disappoint you.

—My hair used to be very short. But after using Ayer's Hair Vigor a short time it began to grow, and now it is a beautiful flowing lock. This is a wonderful result to me after being bald for several years.—Mrs. J. H. Fiske, Chicago, Ill.

Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold everywhere.  
SARAPALMA, MASS.  
CHERRY PICTURAL.

## Senator Paynter.

The Louisville Times so clearly voices the opinion of this paper regarding the new Senator from Kentucky, that we reproduce it in the NEWS.

Judge Thomas H. Paynter will be the next United States Senator from Kentucky, succeeding a man who, for more than thirty years, has been the recipient of every honor that the Democrats of Kentucky.

The honor that has come to Judge Paynter is the culmination of a political career in whose vocabulary failure has had no place. He has moved forward from one success to another until his latest ambitions have been realized by a seat in the Senate as the successor of Joe Blackburn. To the performance of the duties that are to devolve upon him, Mr. Paynter has pledged his best efforts and given his assurance that no act of his will bring discredit on the fair name of the State.

As a Senator from Kentucky, as the choice of a decisive majority of the members of the General Assembly, The Times wishes for Judge Paynter a career in the Senate that will be an honor to himself, an aid to the party and a great good to the Commonwealth.

### What is the Boast Worth?

Through the introduction of a bill in the Senate the General Assembly has committed to it the protection of the innocent childhood of the State.

As the law now stands in Kentucky the brute who so wills may blast the life of a child of twelve years and, so far as the State is concerned, go scot-free. It is a condition whose horror is not to be sounded by words, whose pity is not to be measured in phrases, whose shame is beyond excuse.

Under the bill introduced by Senator Ecton, the General Assembly is asked to change the age of consent from twelve to sixteen—to interpose between innocence and its destruction the surety that he who destroys it must pay the reckoning.

There is an unwritten law in Kentucky, which makes death the penalty for the betrayal of a woman. The written law of Kentucky gives sanction to the betrayal of a child. And yet, Kentuckians make a boast of their chivalry. If the bill of Senator Ecton is not passed the boast should die with it.

### Remove Him.

Mr. Roosevelt is not responsible for the fact that he is sometimes given employment at the White House. He has it in his power to see that they are given their walking papers in short order when they make a conspicuous example of themselves as did Assistant Private Secretary Barnes, yesterday. At his orders, a woman, fifty years of age, who had called to see Mr. Roosevelt to ask for the reinstatement of her husband to his place in the Government service, was dragged from the White House by two policemen, hauled along a wet and muddy street, thrown into the patrol wagon and hurried off to jail. Her sole offense consisted in her expression of the determination to wait until she could have a personal interview with the President, which Mr. Barnes had forbidden.

In this cowardly action he was ably assisted by a burly negro. Brute Barnes has much reason to be thankful that the helpless victim has no Kentucky male relatives. Her husband must be a poor excuse for a man.

### Senator Watson.

The Frankfort correspondent of the Courier Journal pays a high and merited compliment to the State Senator from this district, Dr. M. G. Watson. In speaking of the various committees of the House and Senate he says:

Because of the rapid development of the mining industries in Kentucky, especially in the eastern part of the State, during the past year or two, the Committee on Mines and Mining will be added to the list of committees of the first class. Dr. Morton Watson, of Louisa, an Eastern Kentucky man, is very likely to be the chairman of that committee. This is Dr. Watson's first term and it is already the verdict of his constituents that he is a good man.

### Senator Watson's Committees.

Lieut. Governor Thorne seems to have properly taken the measure of the Senator from Lawrence, for he has honored him by placing him on no less than eleven important committees. They are Banks and Banking, Corporations, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Enrollments, Municipalities, Mines and Mining, Penitentiaries, Public Health, Railroads and Re-appointment of Congressional Districts. He is chairman of the Mines and Mining committee. Senator Watson will credibly measure up to all these requirements.

### Why I Is Done.

On last Tuesday a vote was taken for United States Senator, and the same action will be taken on next Tuesday. As there has been a wide difference of opinion among the lawyers of the State since the passage of the new constitution regarding the proper time for electing the Senator, the Legislature has always been on the safe side and has taken the vote on the two days.

NOTICE.  
All persons holding road or bridge claims against the State, or who claim damages by the road and bridge commissioner are requested to file same with the County Court Clerk on or before March 1st, 1906.  
T. S. Thompson,  
J. L. C. O.

## PRESTONSBURG

The Kentucky Normal College closed its winter term Tuesday January with a large enrollment. This promises to be by far the best session in the history of the college.

Students and teachers are full of enthusiasm. The counties of Eastern Kentucky are well represented, and some from other States.

Prof. Walter M. Byington, founder and president has charge of English and Mathematics.

Prof. Edward M. Lennison, Latin and Science.

Prof. Roscoe Murray, History and Civics.

Prof. Bucher Stapleton, Physiology and Algebra.

Miss Willie Byington, Grammar and Arithmetic.

Miss Susanna Johnson, Preparatory Department.

Prof. George V. Aukler, Intermediate Department.

Prof. Willie Wallen, Primary Department.

Prof. C. M. Drake, Commercial Department.

Prof. W. H. May, Law Department.

Miss Emma Atkinson, Music.

Miss Jennie Williams, Elocution.

The College has recently purchased an extensive addition to its grounds and has erected a large dining hall, and added several rooms to the young men's dormitory.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South, gave an interesting entertainment at the college chapel Saturday night. They netted the handsome sum of Twenty-five dollars toward the new concrete walk in front of the church and parsonage.

Mrs. Roscoe Murray has been on the sick list, but is much improved this writing.

Hon. W. S. Harkins has almost completed his new residence with all modern improvements.

Rev. S. H. Auvil, of the M. E. Church South, preached an interesting sermon Sunday evening.

"The Sinner's Victory."

The Woman's Literary Society met Monday afternoon and elected their new officers, in a very enthusiastic manner.

James Stanford is erecting a handsome residence in north Prestonsburg.

### BLAINE.

G. G. Wise, of Cloverport, Ky., has been here several days, trying to establish a Tent of the order of the Knights of the Macabees.

Joseph T. Swannam came home last week from Greenup county, where he has been teaching for the past six months.

Fred and Ernest Remmel, of Louisa, have been visiting at R. T. Berry's several days.

Chas. E. Berry, with Biggs, Watts & Co., of Huntington spent Saturday and Sunday at Blaine.

Laura Metzger, of Saylorsville, passed through Blaine Friday en route to Webbville.

John M. Lyon, merchant at Winfield, attended a meeting of the Masonic Lodge here Saturday night.

John Butler, formerly of Johnson county, died at his home on Cherokee, last Wednesday morning, and was taken back to Johnson county for burial. He was buried by the improved order of Red Men, newly established order in this vicinity.

D. B. Atkins, of Red Bash, was here Saturday on business.

Hannah Holbrook, of Martha Ky., attended Sunday School here Sunday.

Johnnie Hays, of Adams, was visiting at M. T. Nickle's Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Della Carter returned from Raleigh, Ky., for a few days visit with friends at Blaine.

Willie Grubb, of Prosperity, was here Saturday.

E. C. Berry went to Webbville Monday on business.

G. V. Barton, of Cherokee, was transacting business at Blaine Monday.

W. S. Morris left for Louisville Monday to finish a four year's course in the Hospital school of Medicine.

Cambridge Williams will leave some time this week for Louisville to enter a Medical college. "Blaine against the World for doctors."

H. C. Campbell, of Webbville, passed through Blaine Monday with a saw for W. J. Telford's saw mill on the head of Blaine.

We will soon have a library of one hundred new volumes for the Sunday School. This library will contain no trashy literature, but books of a high moral tone.

We wish to announce again that the winter normal will begin at Blaine Jan. 22nd, Stanton Miller Principal. Prospects are good for a large school.

### PROSPERITY.

School closed at Elm Grove Friday.

We are sorry to see our teacher leave as he is a good one. He will soon leave for Prestonsburg, where he will attend school.

Lindsay Wellman is painting his new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Roberts were visiting Louisa relatives this week. We are sorry to see our teacher leave Frank Wellman on the sick list.

All Currant passed up our creek Saturday en route to Irish creek.

R. M. Currant, of this place, left Saturday en route for Louisa.

The people of this vicinity are sorry to hear of the death of John Butler, of Cherokee.

Sorry to hear of the sickness of Lee Hays and family.

Willie Adams has given up the idea of going to school.

Roscoe Wellman attended the last day of school.

Dow McCoy was seen on our creek Sunday.

Uncle John Carter was on our creek Friday buying stock.

Aunt Mary Chaffin was calling on Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Currant Sunday.

Chili Holbrook makes frequent trips to Charlie Roberts.

Dock Whitten has bought a new saw mill and will begin sawing soon.

Harley Grubb made his usual call at Nash Wellman's Sunday.

Mr. Stapleton's father and mother were visiting him last week.

Uncle Sam Alley is very sick.

Old Butler.

## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Dollie Setser has been appointed postmaster at Ivel.

Charles Harris, who shot and killed a man named Jenkins in a saloon in Ashland last fall, was sentenced to the pen for 21 years. Both are negroes.

Mason City, W. Va.—Dr. Nune-maker, Democrat, has been elected Mayor of this city, together with the whole Democratic ticket. Dr. Nune-maker is the youngest man ever elected Mayor of this place.

Miss Ella Williams died at the home of her mother on West Perry street last Wednesday, after a long illness of tubercular meningitis. Her remains were taken to Painsville for interment Friday.—Greenup Dem.

The steamer Chapone went through to Mammouth on the 10th of the month of the world. Monday. The boat started from Bowling Green. This is the first time that a passenger steamer has ever been able to reach the cave. The recent completion of the Government lock No. 7 on the upper Green river made it possible for the trip.

One killing Christmas which failed to get out until rather late was that of Lew Smith by George Ivor on War Eagle branch. Porter took Smith's gun away from him and crushed his skull by striking him with it. An old grudge is attributed as the cause. Smith's slayer has not yet been captured.—Mingo Republican.

At the Williamson municipal election on Thursday the Democrats won easily, so a special telegram informs the Daily Press.

It was a hotly contested election in which both sides put forth their best efforts. Mr. A. C. Pinson, who headed the Democratic ticket for Mayor was elected by 126 majority, and all the remainder of the ticket received a good majority.

The Greenup County Fiscal Court met in adjourned session the first of the week. The usual affairs were made and bills were paid.

The most important thing done was the raise of salaries for the new county officers. Papa Rardin made the kick and got a raise from \$500 to \$600 a year.

Sam-in-law, Fuller, came in for a raise from \$100 to \$150, and Clerk Corum got from \$100 to \$140.

They see the handwriting on the wall and want to make it count for the next four years.—Green up Democrat.

"According to William W. Rynion, a well-known boiler and tank repairer, natural gas has been struck at Carter, Ky., about 25 miles from Portsmouth," says the Portsmouth Times.

"Mr. Rynion returned from Carter, Thursday, having spent a week there doing some repair work for J. F. Lewis and Company. He says the Eastern Kentucky Oil and Gas Company drilled a well on M. K. Ruffitt farm at Carter, and struck gas at 184 feet, with a pressure sufficient for the gas to be used at the above mill. Mr. Ruffitt hopes to interest Portsmouth people into drilling other wells and developing the field."

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 4.—A terrible gas explosion occurred in one of the Coalfields Collieries Company's mines, located at Coalfield, fifteen miles east of here, this afternoon, and as a result twenty-one miners are entombed, (three white and eighteen colored,) with not the slightest possible chance of recovery alive. The mine fans, all the mine timbers, mining cars and other material used therein were blown to pieces. Some idea can be formed as to the force of the explosion, when several hours after the explosion one of the miners, who could not be identified on account of being so badly mutilated, was found a distance of several hundred feet from the mine mouth, having been blown there with a mining car by the explosion. News of the explosion soon spread through the coalfields, and a great party of miners from the numerous operations are gathering to assist in the rescue.

Up to 7 o'clock tonight the rescuing party was unable to enter the mine on account of the great accumulation of gas, which was pouring out at the drift mouth, and would mean death to all who attempted to enter. Fans are being rushed to the mine from other operations in the field and it is hoped to have them in position by morning. In order to force the gas through another entrance and enable the rescuing party to enter and recover the bodies of those entombed. If all the men in the mine at the time of the explosion were not killed instantly, it would be impossible for them to live in the mine for any length of time on account of the gas.

SHADY GROVE.

This winter is the coldest that has been known for some time.

Our school closed at this place last Friday. We are sorry to leave school, we had a good teacher.

Milton McKinster, of Little Blaine, passed up our creek Saturday en route to John Hughes'.

Misses Little Johns and Pearl.

NO CASE OF PNEUMONIA ON RECORD.

We do not know of a single instance where a cough or cold resulted in pneumonia or consumption when Foley's Honey and Tar had been taken. It cures coughs and colds perfectly, so do not take chances with some unknown preparation which may contain opium, which causes constipation, a condition that retards recovery from a cold. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Sold by Louisa Drug Co.

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